Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to include the same in the budget for 1116?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I cannot say definitely. I do not know the comparative importance of the matter. I will be guided by the Department and after consulting the Department alone I can do it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* If the Panchayat sends up the proposal this year, will the Hon'ble Minister sympathetically consider this case?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I would consider. All these things are sent by various Panchayats. I am not going to give an assurance, because if I give an assurance and I do not carry it out, then I will be taken to task. Therefore I am going to be very careful in saying that this matter will be considered.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Supposing the lands are given free?

Mr. President: That is hypothetical.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Anyway you get the land free.

LICENSE TO NEWSPAPERS—ISSUE OF

474. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) to how many papers license has been issued under the Cochin Newspapers Act from 1112 to 1115 (Makaram 30th);

(*b*) the names of the various papers;

(*c*) the amount of license fee realised from each?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 50;

(*b*) and (*c*) A list is appended. *(Appendix I)*

TOLLS ON VEHICLES PASSING OVER THE BRIDGE TO WILLINGDON ISLAND—COLLECTION OF

475. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Commerce and Industry):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any toll is collected by the Government or the Harbour Authorities on vehicles which pass over the bridge to the Willingdon Island;

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(*b*) if so, what is the rate ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*)&(*b*) The question of toll charges on vehicles using the Port roads and bridges is under the consideration of the Governments concerned, and pending their orders on it, a toll of 8 annas per car is being levied by the Harbour Authorities on motor cars which come to the Island on business.

THE MALABAR CORPORATION LTD.—AUCTIONS HELD—INFORMATIONS REGARDING

476. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of auctions held by the Malabar Corporation, Ltd., on behalf of the Government;

(*b*) the amount realised at each auction ; and

(*c*) the expenses incurred for each auction and the amount of commission paid ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 211.

(*b*) and (*c*) A statement containing the required information is appended. *(Appendix II)*

POPULATION—MATTANCHERI, WILLINGDON ISLAND, ETC.

477. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) the number of inhabitants in Mattancheri constituency;

(*b*) the number of inhabitants in Willingdon Island;

(*c*) the number of inhabitants in the Venduruthy Island?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 86,815 according to the Census of 1931.

(*b*) Can be ascertained only at a Census.

(*c*) No figures available for Venduruthy alone.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Sir, I put this question to point out that for 86,815 people we get only 1,99,000 gallons of water whereas in Ernakulam for about 30,000 people 5 lakhs of gallons of water are supplied.

Mr. President: That is not a supplementary question to this question. You can ask that question when the next question is answered.

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